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AUTOMATIC VENDING MACHINE

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ENGLISH-ABST:

PURPOSE: To facilitate article purchase and improve sale efficiency by controlling the sale according to an article code which is recorded on a medium thrown in the automatic **vending machine**, i.e., a **gift certificate** or a card.

CONSTITUTION: On the **gift certificate 1**, the article code and quantity of articles which can be purchased are recorded magnetically as recording data. Column numbers are specified by a bar code reader 5 and a column specification device 6 for the article codes of the articles to be sold. A gift ticket reception device 2 reads the data recorded on the **gift certificate 1**. A control part 7 judges whether or not there is articles matching the article code of the **gift certificate 1** when the **gift certificate** is inserted into the **gift certificate** reception device 2 and carries the articles automatically by the stored quantity at the time of matching. When coins are thrown in or when paper money is inserted, the control part 7 performs general selling operation such as carry-out control over articles corresponding to the selecting operation of an article selection switch.